BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2002-342-W - ORDER NO. 2003-546

SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

IN RE:	Application of Ralph's MHP Water System)	ORDER SETTING RULE
	for Approval to Abandon Water System in)	TO SHOW CAUSE \
	Eastover, South Carolina.)	HEARING AND
	•)	ESTABLISHING
)	PREFILING DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) regarding the Application of Ralph's MHP Water System (Ralph's or the Company) for approval for the abandonment of the Company's water system located in Eastover, South Carolina. By Order No. 2003-348, dated May 27, 2003, the Commission denied the Company's request for abandonment of the system and further ordered that a Rule to Show Cause be set in the instant docket. Subsequently, David H. Polson, a party to the instant proceeding, filed a response to the Commission's Rule to Show Cause. After expiration of the time period in which to file responses, this matter was brought to the Commission for consideration at its weekly agenda meeting on September 3, 2003. We have considered this matter, and hereby set the Rule to Show Cause for a hearing.

The Rule to Show Cause hearing in this matter shall be held **Tuesday**, **October 14**, **2003**, **at 2:30 p.m.** Further and pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp.2002), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff shall be prefiled on or before **September 30**, **2003**,

and that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Respondents

shall be pre-filed on or before October 7, 2003. (Direct testimony and exhibits may be

post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Commission

Staff shall be pre-filed on or before October 9, 2003, and any surrebuttal testimony and

exhibits of the Respondents shall be pre-filed on or before October 13, 2003. (Rebuttal

testimony and exhibits and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the

Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that

acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the

discretion of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and

exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and

Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any

hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to

allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may

decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file

a request for such modification with the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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